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 even if we cannot hear its surfy,
 slow, deep, mellow voice.

CHRIST FOR ALL—ALL FOR CHRIST

The Word of God

His word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Psalm 119: 105

BIBLE THOUGHT AND PRAYER

*If parents will have their children memo-
 rize a Bible selection each week, it will prove
 a priceless heritage to them in after years*

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 rael: the Lord our God is one Lord.—
 Deuteronomy 6:4

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for the bridges and the railroad fol-
lows. On this heavy engines and
trains are used for years.

When the necessity arose for quick
trans-ortation of men and munitions
on the continent of Europe. the de-
partment got tangled up. Kitchener
remembered Geddes and the woods
road of India. He sent for him to
get some lines built to relieve the
congestion. Red Tape was offended
and Geddes was not allowed to build
his emergency lines.

But when Lloyd George came in
they put Geddes in full charge and he
built hundreds of miles of light rail-
ways and imported railroad builders
from North America for the purpose
In a short time he became one of the
great men of the world. When he
could not get rails and rolling stock
fast enough he would tear it up in
England and lay it down in France
West Virginia people often discussed
Geddes but they were somewhat
puzzled just were to place him in
their recollection.

A few words about the expedition

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...called arms for they did not want
...the mountains to break out again.

At that time there were a lot of
horses belonging to the United States
on the farms. These were mostly
horses that had been traded by the
troopers for better ones. A horse
holder was apt to do that for if his
horse began to weaken and he found
a fine strong horse in the country it
was very natural for him to make a
unilateral trade and ride off on the
good horse and leave the other in its
place. And there had been a lot of
good rifles taken. It seems some-
times that the confederates fought
with federal arms. Owens came on
over Elk Mountain by way of Mingo
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Bottom, he made inquiries and found
that William Smith was not there.
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